

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-6 and 8-24 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 9, and 18 are amended, and claim 24 is added. No new matter is added. Support for the claims can be found throughout the specification, including the original claims, and the drawings. Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 4-5, and 21-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. However, for the reasons set forth below, claims 4-5, and 21-22 have not been rewritten in independent form at this time.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 3, 8-9, 11, 13-16, 18, 20 and 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Jung, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0128053. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a mobile terminal comprising a first body having an upper cover and a lower cover, wherein the upper cover and the lower cover are configured to be attached together so as to form a space therebetween, and wherein the upper cover and the lower cover respectively have supporting portions that come into contact with each other to maintain an assembled state between the upper cover and the lower cover, a display mounted in the space formed between the upper and lower covers, and an impact dispersing mechanism formed at edges of the upper and lower covers and configured to disperse to the lower cover an impact applied to the first body, wherein the impact dispersing mechanism comprises a first portion attached to the upper cover and a second portion attached to the lower

cover and wherein a predetermined clearance in the form of an open air gap is maintained between the first portion and the second portion prior to an impact being applied to the first body.

Independent claim 9 has been amended to recite a folder type mobile terminal, comprising a main body, and a folder portion configured to be rotatably attached to the main body. The folder portion comprises a first cover configured to be attached to a second cover so as to form a space therebetween, a display installed in the space formed between the first and second covers, and an impact dispersing device formed on the first and second covers and configured to transfer to the second cover a force applied to the first cover, wherein the impact dispersing device comprises a first portion attached to the first cover and a second portion attached to the second cover and wherein a predetermined clearance in the form of an open air gap is maintained between the first portion and the second portion prior to a force being applied to the first cover.

Independent claim 18 has been amended to recite an impact dispersing mechanism for a folder portion of a mobile terminal, the mobile terminal comprising a main body and the folder portion which is rotatably attached to the main body. The impact dispersing member comprises at least one first rib formed at an edge of a first housing of the folder portion, at least one second rib formed at an edge of a second housing of the folder portion, wherein the second housing is configured to be attached to the first housing to form a space therebetween, and a display mounted in the space formed between the first housing and the second housing, wherein a first open air gap of substantially constant height is formed between a lower surface of the at

least one first rib and an upper surface of the at least one second rib, wherein a second gap of substantially constant height is formed between an upper surface of the display and a lower surface of the first housing, and wherein the height of the second gap is greater than the height of the first gap when the first housing is attached to the second housing.

It is respectfully submitted that Jung does not disclose or suggest all of the claimed features of independent claims 1, 9, and 18, or the respective claimed combinations. The Examiner refers to Figure 7 and paragraph 62 of Jung as disclosing the claimed features. However, Figure 7 discloses a mobile terminal having an upper cover 8 and a lower cover 4, as well as buffer member 40 installed on an upper front surface of the folder 8 and buffer member 42 installed on a lower front surface of the main body 4. However, Jung does not disclose or suggest a first body having an upper cover and a lower cover, wherein the upper cover and the lower cover are configured to be attached together so as to form a space therebetween, and wherein the upper cover and the lower cover respectively have supporting portions that come into contact with each other to maintain an assembled state between the upper cover and the lower cover, a display mounted in the space formed between the upper and lower covers, and the claimed impact dispersing mechanism formed at edges of the upper and lower covers, as recited in independent claim 1. Further, Jung does not disclose or suggest a folder portion configured to be rotatably attached to the main body, the folder portion comprising a first cover configured to be attached to a second cover so as to form a space therebetween, a display installed in the space formed between the first and second covers, and the claimed impact dispersing device formed on the first and second covers and configured to transfer to the second

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cover a force applied to the first cover, as recited in independent claim 9. Furthermore, Jung does not disclose or suggest the claimed at least one first rib formed at the edge of the first housing of the folder portion and the at least one second rib formed at the edge of the second housing of the folder portion, as set forth in independent claim 18. Also, Jung does not disclose or suggest the respective claimed combination of independent claims 1, 9, and 18.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 9, and 18 over Jung should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 3, 8, 11, 13-16, 20, and 23, as well as added claim 24, are allowable over Jung at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1, 9, and 18, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features.

The Office Action rejected claims 2 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jung in view of Murray et al. (hereinafter "Murray"), U.S. Patent No. 6,011,699. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 2 and 10 are allowable over Jung at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1 and 9, from which they respectively depend, as well as for their added features. Murray fails to overcome the deficiencies of Jung, as it is merely cited for allegedly teaching a printed circuit board. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 2 and 10 over Jung and Murray should be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejected claims 6, 17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Jung. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dependent claims 6, 17, and 19 are allowable over Jung at least for the reasons discussed above with respect to independent claims 1, 9, and 18, from which they respectively depend, as

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well as for their added features. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 6, 17, and 19 over Jung should be withdrawn.

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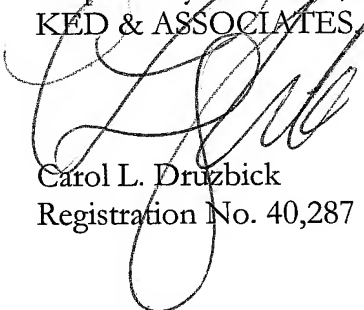
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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